

"HOMOSEXUAL" is not a four-letter word.

The LE-HI-HO

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APRIL MEETING

The LE-HI-HO will meet on April 26 at 1:30 P.M. (PROMPTLY) at the First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street, Allentown, Pa. It should be noted that the meeting will not be held at 2 P.M. nor will it be at the Unitarian Church. Please inform others of this change.

The April meeting will be one of great importance, in that the ballots for election of officers will be counted and that we have a speaker of great prominence within the homophile movement.

Our business meeting must be adjourned at 2:30 so we can prepare for our speaker, Miss Barbara B. Gittings, at 3:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend our 3 P.M. program.

Miss Gittings has been active in the homophile movement for over ten years, and has frequently appeared on television. A member of the Homophile Action League (HAL) in Philadelphia and the Mattachine Society of Washington, Miss Gittings was also the editor of The Ladder-a Lesbian Review, and has contributed to the book, THE SAME SEX, recently published by the United Church of Christ. She has spoken at many eastern colleges and universities, and is respected as an authority in her field. Our guest will also speak at the Unitarian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 701 Lechauweki Avenue, Bethlehem (Fountain Hill), the same day, at 11:00 A.M. All members are urged to attend, and asked to invite both male and female friends to come along.

MARCH MEETING

At the LE-HI-HO meeting of March 22, Al R. reported on the progress of the party committee, concerning the party to be held on April 4th at the Coral Reef, in Tannersville. Over 100 persons (including several females) have made reservations for this gayla affair.

Fred Reed reported on the progress of the Lehigh Valley Student Homophile Movement. The group met for the first time on Saturday, March 21, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 9th and Tilghman Streets, Allentown, with the meeting presided over by Robert Roth of Cornell University Student Homophile League and Ron Seeds of the LE-HI-HO. Attendance was sparse, due to spring break at four of the area's six colleges, but included faculty members from Kutztown State and Cedar Crest, and letters of support from students at Lehigh and Lafayette. Another meeting in the near future is anticipated.

The XYZ Club of Reading, a social group, contacted the LE-HI-HO concerning their famous picnics. Thousands of persons from all over the East Coast show up at these outings, and it is probably the largest gay social event held in the East. There will be three picnics held this summer, the first being on May 17. More information on page 3 of this newsletter.

The Nominees for officers gave speeches presenting their qualifications and goals for their office. Nominees are as follows:

Al R., President; Garth W., Vice-President; Frederick R., Secretary; and Warren R. and Ken H., Treasurer.

The membership agreed to have Frederick Reed represent the LE-HI-HO at the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ERCHO) meeting in New York. The conference was originally scheduled for April 4, but is now postponed to an as yet unannounced date.

After the meeting was adjourned, Robert Roth, President of Cornell SHL, spoke to the members on topics relating to the purpose and functioning of a student homophile group, and also related information about some current police entrapment policies practiced in New York.

LE-HI-HO HELPS

On Sunday morning, March 8, at about 4 A.M., two area students, along with 164 other persons were arrested during a raid at the Snakepit, a gay bar in New York City's West Village. After being transported away in a paddy wagon, and held at the police station for four hours without permission to use the telephone or lavatory, and without being told of the charges for which they were being held, the two were finally released with orders to appear for their trial on March 10, the charges being disorderly conduct. Upon arriving home, they contacted the LE-HI-HO, and our legal services went into action. We contacted the Mattachine Society of New York, who arranged for a lawyer to represent the arrested. When the trial was held, the MSNY lawyer was present; and the district attorney dismissed the case for all 166 persons. Since it is legal to arrest only the management and employees during a raid of this sort (operating after hours), law suits against the City of New York for false arrest are being considered, in hopes that this will help to end police harassment of homosexuals and gay bars.

GAY GOINGS ON

"The Boys in the Band", a film by Mart Crowley, opened March 18 at the Midtown Theatre, Broad and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. The film received rave reviews, and the acting is superb (the roles in the film are played by the original Broadway cast). Gaily funny throughout most of the feature ("One thing for masturbation...you don't have to look your best."), toward the end the plot takes a sudden turn toward the "sad" of "gay" life today. A deeply moving film, I recommend seeing "The Boys in the Band".

The Underground Cinema, 2021 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, is featuring gay movies from New York and Los Angeles. Currently playing is "Sticks and Stones", a not plotless film, set on Fire Island. The acting and photography are somewhat mediocre, but the idea of a gay film produced for gay audiences makes this (or any, for that matter) gay film worth seeing. Don't expect pornography, you won't see it in the Underground Cinema--they're too leery of raids.

The Rendezvous, our local bar has changed owners. Will it remain gay? If not, where will we go? The permissive attitude (dancing, etc.) of the Rendezvous former owners was greatly appreciated.

LIFE LINE

691-0660 -LIFE LINE is a telephone counseling service available to all persons living within the greater Allentown-Bethlehem area. Any-one who has a personal problem and feels he has nowhere or no one to turn to is invited, and urged, to pick up the nearest telephone and dial LIFE LINE - 691-0660.

Conversations are strictly confidential and anonymous unless the caller desires otherwise.

XYZ Club SCHEDULE

PICNICS--May 17, July 26, September 13--(1 P.M. to 7 P.M.)
Includes Beer, Hot dogs, Soup, and $\frac{1}{2}$ Chicken platter. BYOB

HALLOWEEN PARTY--October 31, SHOWNITES--November 7, 14, 21
(9 P.M. to 1 or 2 A.M.)--Includes Beer and light lunch. BYOB

At least 3 weeks before event, mail \$ 6.00 check (payable to Willard Kratz) to: P.O. Box 156, Furlong, Pa. 18925. DO NOT put Willard Kratz on the envelope. Enclose self-addressed STAMPED envelope for tickets. Bring your own bottle(BYOB).

MOTHER MINNIE

Mother Minnie's advice to the love-lorn is a regular feature of this newsletter. If you have any problems, write to LE-HI-HO, Dept. 2-A, P.O. Box 1003, Moravian Station, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018.

Dear Mother Minnie:

If you make love to a man who you never met before, what can you tell?

I.M. Curious

Dear I.M. Curious:

If he's good, you can tell him, "one more time!"

Mother Minnie

Dear Mother Minnie:

I am a normal man in every way except I am having an affair with a shetland pony. The pony and I would like to take our relationship out of the stable and into the public eye. If I walked into a bar with a pony, what do you think the guys would say?

Merrill A.

Dear Merrill A.:

They may say "Where did you get the pig?" You can reply, "This isn't a pig. This is a pony." If the wiseguy is up on his humor, he'll reply, "I was talking to the pony." I hope your relationship works out. Mixed marriages are still very difficult.

Mother Minnie

ELECTION

The ballots have been mailed to our members. If you haven't received your ballot, please notify us. By-laws were included with some of the ballots of the people who did not receive their copy at the meeting. If you do not have a copy of our by-laws and would like a copy, please notify us.

If you have not returned your ballot, please do so. Ballots must reach us by April 22.

Officers-elect take office effective May 1, 1970.

A DEFINITION OF HOMOPHILE:

adjective--pertaining to the social movement devoted to the improvement of the status of the homosexual, and to groups, activities, and literature associated with the movement; as, homophile organizations, homophile conferences, homophile publications.

Thus, there is no implication that those associated with the homophile movement, etc. are necessarily homosexual. "Homophile" and "homosexual" are not synonymous and are not substitutes for each other. In this context, it is a useful addition to our language and not a needless euphemism.